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Biography

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Dr. Richard Beck has worked over 20 years at NASA in developing and managing budgets and programs, especially for NASA's Earth and space science activities. With a combined background in biological science, public policy analysis, and organizational dynamics, Dr. Beck originally joined the Agency through the Presidential Management Intern Program in 1981. He began his career with NASA in budgeting and program analysis positions in the previous Office of Space Science and Applications, including Chief of the Program Analysis Branch. In the Earth Science Enterprise, he performed the roles of Earth Observing System Program Control Manager, Environmental Satellites Program Manager (for the NOAA meteorological satellites), and Deputy Director (Resources) of the Earth Science Systems Program Office at Goddard Space Flight Center. As Director of the Office of Earth Science Business Division at NASA Headquarters, he guided the Enterprise's resources management activities for budget formulation, analysis, execution, and advocacy. He is presently responsible for NASA's budget formulation activities as the Director of the Resources Management Division in NASA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Dr. Beck has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Masters in Public Administration, with a specialization in Policy Analysis, both awarded by the State University of New York at Albany. For his doctorate research in innovative management processes for research and development organizations, he was awarded the National Space Club/NASA James E. Webb Memorial Fellowship and a Ph.D. from George Mason University. Dr. Beck is also a recipient of the National Performance Review's "Hammer" Award for Reinventing Government, which he received with his interagency colleagues for consolidating the military and civilian polar-orbiting meteorological satellite programs, and was recently recognized for playing a key guiding role in the Agency's achievement of a "green" score in Integrating Budget and Performance under the President's Management Agenda.



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